

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application)

Applicant: Utsumi et al.)

Serial No.: 09/159,833)

Filed: September 24, 1998)

For: STORING APPARATUS AND
AND PASSWORD CONTROL
METHOD)

Art Unit: 2131)

Examiner: Jackson, Jenise E.)

*I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile
transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark
Office, facsimile no. (703) 872-9306, on this date*April 14, 2004

Date

Registration No: 29,367

Attorney for Applicant

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

APR 14 2004

OFFICIALPETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f)) \$ 55.00
 () By other than a small entity \$ 110.00

Extension fee for response within second month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f)) \$ 210.00
 (X) By other than a small entity \$ 420.00

Extension fee for response within third month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f)) \$ 475.00
 () By other than a small entity \$ 950.00

Extension fee for response within fourth month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f)) \$ 740.00
 () By other than a small entity \$1,480.00

04/26/2004 BHARRIS 00000003 072069 09159833

01 FC:1252

Extension fee for response within fifth month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f)) \$1,005.00
 () By other than a small entity \$2,010.00

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$420.00 and any additional fees which may be required to this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Customer No. 24978

April 14, 2004

300 South Wacker Drive - Suite 2500
 Chicago, Illinois 60606
 Phone: (312) 360-0080
 Fax: (312) 360-9315
 P:\DOCS\199062597\000368.DOC

GREER, BURNS & CRAIN, LTD.

By

Patrick G. Burns

Registration No. 29,367